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For: **AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE
UTILIZING AN EARPLUG
SUPPORT ELEMENT AND
METHOD FOR PROVIDING THE
SAME**



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AMENDMENTS

Clean version of claims, incorporating current amendments.

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1. (Twice Amended) A headphone support element for securing a headphone connector having one circular plug to a headphone connector interface of an electronic device having a corresponding jack wherein the plug is inserted into the jack, the headphone support element coupled with the headphone connector interface, wherein the headphone support element having a first receptacle for engaging and securing the headphone connector, wherein the headphone connector cannot move or rotate when connected to the headphone connector interface.

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5. (Twice Amended) The headphone support element according to claim 1 wherein the headphone support element is integrally formed within the electronic device.

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